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SPORT NEWS

Billy Evans Says



NEW STARS. With "Red" Grange back in his stride, some new stars have been developed east and west to break into the headlines.

In Big Ten circles, Nick Kutsch of Iowa is drawing the most publicity with Benny Friedman a close second. Elmer Stark is still making hits, but the only about the Ohio State star isn't all complimentary.

Pennsylvania, sharing honors with Dartmouth in the east, offers Kreuz, Rogers and Sieraki. Kreuz was good last year, but he is 100 per cent better this fall. His line plunges seldom fail. Stanley Herzek is rated just as good a tackle as Ed McKinley, although Herzek of last season. Some compliment. Rogers is a fast running back.

Halfback Oberlander of Dartmouth, who won some fame last year, but who is collecting nodules of it this fall, was the sensation of the east against Harvard.

Oberlander, known to Dartmouth students as the "Wild Bull of the Campus," surely essayed that role against Harvard. The Crimson couldn't stop him.

DRY SPORT. Football fans like their sport dry even more so than the baseball enthusiasts. The plain football fan, who has no college affiliation, doesn't take kindly to sitting in the rain for a couple of hours and watching the athletes slip around in the mud.

During the world series, baseball fans twice filled Forbes field at Pittsburgh to watch the Pirates and Senators in the deciding tilt. Postponed on account of rain once, it was played the following day in weather not even suited for football.

While fandom didn't care very much for baseball under the worst possible football weather conditions. It stuck to the finish. Most of the important football games played during October were staged in rainy weather. As a result the attendance at a good many of the games was a distinct disappointment. Certain contests expected to draw 50,000 people didn't attract half that many.

Bad weather ruins football as a spectacle for the spectator who seeks merely the amusement of the pastime. One sits in the rain only for the glory of his Alma Mater.

WISE POLICY. The National league does not name its most valuable player until the December meeting of the

In Big Meet



two major leagues. This is an excellent idea for two reasons. If the player selected is a world series performer, he knows nothing about the honor thrust upon him until it is all over. He has nothing to worry about. Incidentally naming the most valuable player at a time when baseball news is scarce, it usually is in December, causes the papers to give it a much larger play than if the selection was announced just before the opening of the world series.

In this connection I recently received a very interesting letter, which I am taking the liberty of repeating in part.

GOOD IDEA.

"Would it not be better, Mr. Evans, to name the most valuable player in each major league after the close of the world series? It is a great strain to just play in the series, in addition trying to live up to the most valuable player reputation is asking too much.

"You will recall that Walter Johnson, voted the most valuable player last year, fell down as did Roger Beckinbaugh this year.

"Don't you think that Beckinbaugh being voted the most valuable player in the American league constantly before him? I am sure it must have affected his play.

"Practically all of Peck's poor playing was done in Pittsburgh. No doubt he realized he was being carefully looked over by the National league fans. We American league fans know what Peck can do, but on his Pittsburgh showing he didn't compare very favorably with Wright.

"What do you think, Billy?" "Like my friend, Mr. Fan, I feel the most valuable player should not be named until after the world series. The plan is sure to be voted on at the next American league meeting.

The Emperor Vespasian, being sick with the disease whereof he died, when reproached by his physician for continuing to carry on matters of state, said: "An emperor should die standing."

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

November 3, 1925. Editor of the La Grande Evening Observer:

Permit me to reply to Mr. G. S. Birak's letter to the open court column under date of October 2, 1925.

No doubt the seats on the board of education are trying, too hot to handle the transfer to others just now, with a little. Am very glad indeed that Mr. W. W. Kinzie acknowledges that he "did nothing but pat the child on the shoulder," as a competent doctor says the child in question was still bruised and sore internally from his gentle ride. "The help never arrived to assist him when I refused arrest."

You admit that I advanced some good ideas that seemed practical to you and I believe others of the board think so too. Then why do you not get together, using common sense, not necessarily book learning, and find a satisfactory solution of the trouble instead of playing all authority with the superintendent. The only argument that he can find is that "he has never backed down and never will, the transfer must stand." Circumstances have altered the old familiar slogan "A wise man changes his mind."

You tell me you have a delicate child you did not start to school this year, set here in a very frail little body because he is more than eight years of age, the state forces to attend school, whom you would further burden by making him cross the railroad over the highway, wading in water and sleet to school.

The pupils who are studying six periods is of no benefit except to the team which scores first and they say they can use up so much time by legitimate plays that opponents are left with no chance to score.

New Rule to Prevail At Football Contest

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP) - Radical departure from all accepted football customs will be made in the Brown-Boston university game here Saturday when the stop watch will be discarded and the game run on a basis of 49 plays per period, Dr. P. W. Marvel, director of athletics, announced Monday.

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shortland and typewriting in the high school need actual office experience. Why not let them do the clerical work for the superintendent, if he needs answers, thereby saving \$50 per month. A short time ago it was not deemed necessary to have a trunk, now we have one for each of the three grade schools and a policeman at Central. Surely one is sufficient and the extra agency could be expunged elsewhere.

The superintendent made the statement on the witness stand that there were no fifth grade pupils in the Willow school community. Perhaps it would be advisable for the board of education to count how many there are living in the immediate vicinity who are either attending Central or Greenwood, and report to him. There will also be several more promoted at holiday time.

Last summer an additional two rooms were built at Willow school for the accommodation of a fifth and sixth grade. These remain vacant and unoccupied at present. Fifth grade pupils get no benefits this year from money expended on the building. The cry is, "We do not want to increase taxes"; you don't need to. Eliminate some unnecessary expenses then a fifth grade could be maintained at Willow, a portion of the fourth grade at Central transferred to the fifth grade teacher and thereby relieve the congestion, making it safer and more convenient for all children concerned.

This same controversy has come up repeatedly before, but because parents were unable to pay for legal advice and court procedure it had to be dropped. They were unable to come against the city of La Grande, its attorney, the district attorney, the board of education and the city funds to determine whether their methods of procedure were right or wrong.

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Idaho Boy Dies as Result of Grid Game

POCATELLO (AP)—Ernie Conan, 21-year-old Idaho Tech high school student and member of the Tech football squad, died Tuesday morning in a hospital at Pocatello, Idaho, according to word reaching here. Young Conan was injured in a football game Saturday between Albion normal college and the Tech. The injury was diagnosed by attending physicians as a concussion of the spinal column and resulted in complete paralysis. Prior to Monday night Conan sustained consciousness.

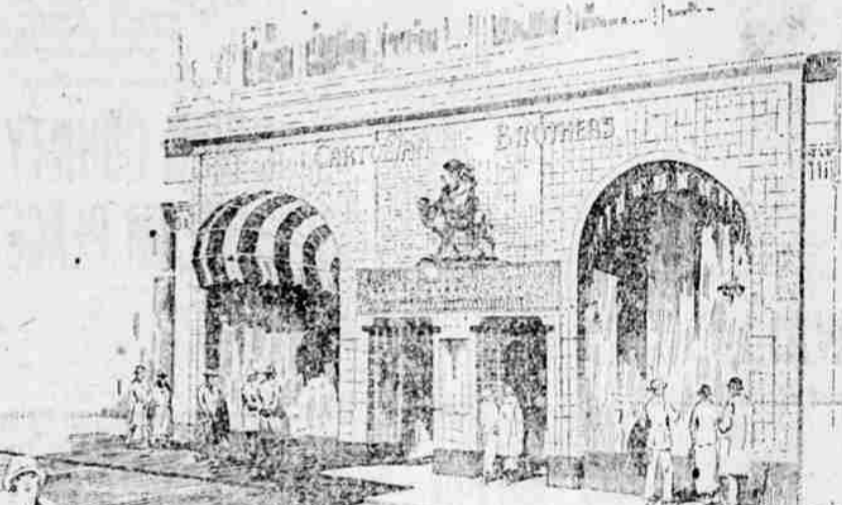
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